

House Watch

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CONFERENCE REPORTS

[SB 213](#)

(Birkholz)

Energy package: RPS and energy efficiency

- The conference report was adopted [RC 756: 83 yes, 24 no]

[HB 5524](#)

(Accavitti)

Energy package: energy regulation

- The conference report was adopted [RC 757: 78 yes, 29 no]
- IE was ordered

FINAL PASSAGE

[SB 1048](#)

(Birkholz)

Energy package: Income tax credit for energy costs.

- SB 1048 was discharged from committee
- Valentine substitute H-1 adopted
- Proos 1A adopted
- Palsrok 1B adopted
- SB 1048 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 1048 was passed [RC 758: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6130**(Mayes)**

House Bill 6130 would add a new section to the Fire Prevention Code (MCL 29.3f) to ban the retail sale of novelty lighters. Under the bill, a person could not sell at retail, offer for retail sale, or distribute for retail sale or promotion within the state a novelty lighter.

- Substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6130 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6130 was passed [RC 743: 88 yes, 19 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6385**(Ball)**

The bill would revise in statute the system of financial auditing for counties. Among other things, the bill would require a county to obtain an annual audit of its financial records, accounts, and procedures, and allow county officials to retain a certified public accountant to do so. If a county failed to provide an audit, the state treasurer would either conduct the audit or appoint a CPA to perform one. The entire cost of the audit would be borne by the county. The bill would establish in statute the current practice in which the counties themselves have their audits conducted on an annual basis; in other words, the statute would be updated to reflect current practice.

- HB 6385 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6385 was passed [RC 744: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6403**(Bauer)**

The bill authorizes the sale of 2 properties that are currently under the jurisdiction of the Department of Management and Budget to Emergent Biosolutions, Inc. for fair market value. These parcels, located in Clinton County, are adjacent to this facility and are 3.96 and 1.36 acres, respectively. Fair market value has been determined by an independent real estate appraiser at a combined \$413,000 (according to DMB).

- HB 6403 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6403 was passed [RC 745: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6200**(Griffin)**

The bill (H-1) would amend the Occupational Code by adding Section 1807a to require funeral directors to screen for veteran status when a cremation order is signed.

- Substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6200 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6200 was passed [RC 746: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6414**(Hopgood)**

Establish high-occupancy vehicle lane regulations.

- Substitute H-1 adopted
- Amendment(s) adopted
- HB 6414 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6414 was passed [RC 747: 105 yes, 2 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6415**(Leland)**

Establish high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

- Substitute H-2 adopted
- Amendment(s) adopted
- HB 6415 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6415 was passed [RC 748: 105 yes, 2 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6226**(Young)**

The bill (H-1) would amend Section 202 of the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Acts to prohibit treating an individual affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition differently for any employment related purposes from another individual not so affected but similar in ability or inability to work, without regard to the source of any condition affecting the his or her ability or inability to work.

- Substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6226 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6226 was passed [RC 749: 105 yes, 2 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6297**(Clemente)**

The bills [HB 6297 and HB 6298] would allow school districts, intermediate school districts, and public corporations to invest certain funds in certificates of deposit with financial institutions which participate in programs such as the Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service program, also known as CDARS.

- Clemente-1 adopted
- HB 6297 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6297 was passed [RC 750: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6298**(Coulouris)**

- Coulouris-1 adopted
- HB 6298 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6298 was passed [RC 751: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 834**(Switalski)**

The bill (H-1) would include the following courses as those satisfying the math credit requirements under the Michigan Merit Standard Curriculum: financial literacy; a math support course; pre-algebra; or another mathematics course approved by the board of the school district or charter school. The bill specifies that math courses need not be taken in any particular order, and it would allow a student to complete Algebra II over two years with a credit awarded for each of those years.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- Hopgood-2 adopted
- SB 834 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 834 was passed [RC 752: 103 yes, 4 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6238**(Clemente)**

House Bill 6238 (H-1) would amend the Michigan Business Tax to revise the recently enacted tax credits for anchor companies.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- Mayes amendment falls
- HB 6238 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6238 was passed [RC 753: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6091**(Bennett)**

This bill would establish a new sunset date for five fees collected by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Part 31	Floodplains
Part 33	Aquatic Nuisance Control
Part 301	Inland Lakes and Streams
Part 323	Shorelands Protection and Management
Part 325L	Great Lakes Submerged Lands

The new sunset date for these fees would be October 1, 2011.

- HB 6091 discharged from committee
- Bennett substitute H-2 adopted
- Casperson-2 not adopted
- HB 6091 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6091 was passed [RC 759: 63 yes, 43 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6059

(McDowell)

The bill would amend the Compulsive Gaming Prevention Act by establishing an earmark of \$1,040,000 in fund revenue from the Compulsive Gaming Prevention Fund (CGPF) to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. This replaces an existing earmark in current law of \$40,000 for the Domestic Abuse Council.

- McDowell-1 adopted
- HB 6059 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6059 was passed [RC 754: 75 yes, 32 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6406

(Tobocman)

Tax incentive for urban grocery.

- Discharged from committee
- Substitute H-1 adopted
- Advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6406 was passed [RC 755: 107 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HR 273

(Opsommer)

A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to acknowledge that the neurological disorder known as Parkinson's disease can be caused by exposure to Agent Orange and to require that the United States Department of Veterans Affairs offer assistance to U.S. Military members who, while serving their country, have acquired Parkinson's disease through their exposure to Agent Orange.

- **HR 273 was adopted**

HCR 87 (Sheltrown)

A concurrent resolution to request that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service extend indefinitely the depredation order for double-crested cormorants.

- **HCR 87 was adopted**

HR 415 (Brown)

A resolution to urge the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to accept results from the falling number test in determining loss of wheat quality for crop insurance claims.

- **HR 415 was adopted**